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Joint Inspection Unit

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Joint Inspection Unit" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 2nd, 25th, 31st and 39th meetings, on 7 October and 4 December 2003 and 10 March and 2 April 2004. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/58/SR.2, 25, 31 and 39).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2002;[1]

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/58/220);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the programme of work of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2003 (A/58/64);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the preliminary listing of reports for potential inclusion in the programme of work of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2004 and beyond (A/58/291);

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 34* (A/58/34).

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(e) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the preliminary review of its statute and working methods (A/58/343);

(f) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the in-depth review of its statute and working methods (A/58/343/Add.1 and 2).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.62

4. At the 39th meeting, on 2 April 2004, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Joint Inspection Unit" (A/C.5/58/L.62), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of South Africa.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.62 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Joint Inspection Unit

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the Joint Inspection Unit, in particular resolutions 50/233 of 7 June 1996, 54/16 of 29 October 1999, 55/230 of 23 December 2000, 56/245 of 24 December 2001 and 57/284 of 20 December 2002,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2002,[1] the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the programme of work of the Unit for 2003,[2] the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the preliminary listing of reports for potential inclusion in the programme of work of the Unit for 2004 and beyond,[3] the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Unit,[4] the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Unit on the preliminary review of its statute and working methods[5] and notes by the Secretary-General transmitting the reports of the Unit on the in-depth review of its statute and working methods,[6]

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2002;[1]

2. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the programme of work of the Unit for 2003;[2]

3. *Also takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the preliminary listing of reports for potential inclusion in the programme of work of the Unit for 2004 and beyond;[3]

4. *Further takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Unit;[4]

5. *Takes note with appreciation* of the active contribution of the Joint Inspection Unit to the review of its statute and working methods;[5,6]

6. *Welcomes* the internal reform process undertaken by the Unit, including its strategic framework and its internal working procedures, and urges the Unit to continue these efforts;

7. *Requests* the secretariats of the United Nations and all participating organizations to facilitate the work of the Unit, including in particular through offering full access to all information, as required by the Unit;

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session Supplement No. 34* (A/58/34).
[2] A/58/64.
[3] A/58/291.
[4] A/58/220.
[5] A/58/343.
[6] A/58/343/Add.1 and 2.

8. *Reiterates once again* its request to the executive heads of the participating organizations that have not yet done so to take the steps necessary to facilitate the consideration of and action on the system of follow-up to the reports of the Unit, and invites the legislative organs concerned to consider the system and take action in that regard;

9. *Decides* to revert to the issue of the reform of the Joint Inspection Unit at its fifty-ninth session.